

Battersea Loughborough Lake Association  
Fall 2010 Newsletter



## Highlights of the 2010 AGM

### Treasurer's Report (Bob Fugler)

As of the AGM, the Association had a cash/bank balance of \$6,912, together with \$7,512 in investments. A more detailed Financial Report is included on page 2 of this newsletter.

### Membership Report (Bob Fugler)

#### Have You Renewed?

Those members who still need to renew should find a reminder at the top right corner of their copy of this newsletter (unless they received it electronically). Please renew without delay.

The current membership of 156 is down from last year. If you received this newsletter by regular mail and have not yet renewed, you will find a reminder in the top right corner above. We'd appreciate hearing from any past member who doesn't intend to renew, to see if there is anything the Association can do differently to retain – and increase – our membership from the estimated 400 residences on the lake. Please help us out by sharing this newsletter with friends or neighbours on the lake.

### Special Projects (Karl Montgomery and Brian Ward)

This year the Association is undertaking a more comprehensive water sampling program, with five sites being used. We also plan to provide more analysis of the results of the water sampling and new Board member Mike Hulley provided an initial assessment at the AGM (as outlined below.)

Members of the Association will also be undertaking a Loughborough Lake shoreline mapping project for the Ministry of Natural Resources. Working in teams from their boats, volunteers will use a digital camcorder to record the entire 60 mile shoreline of the lake. In addition, using equipment not available 20 years ago when mapping was last done, GPS coordinates will be added to the video at every significant and potentially sensitive location. A voice commentary will describe onshore and aquatic habitat and development. The updated digital record will be compatible with current geographic information systems.



A third project was to be a creel study to gather catch information from fishermen, but the Ministry of Natural Resources was unable to line up students in time, so that fish survey is held over. But, not to worry, have we got information on fish for you, lots of it, thanks to the presentation by Ed Giffin at the AGM, as described below.

<b>The Loughborough Lake Association AGM Financial Report, 05-Aug-2010</b>			
	Cash & Bank	GICs	Total Sources/ Assets
<b>Income:</b>			
Income from memberships	\$2,085.00		\$2,085.00
Newsletter advertising	825.00		825.00
Interest	3.98	\$232.30	236.28
Donations	<u>30.00</u>		<u>30.00</u>
Sub-total Income	\$2,943.98	\$232.30	\$3,176.28
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Newsletter copying/postage/labels	-\$623.78		-\$623.78
Crown Land biffy costs	- 190.83		- 190.83
D&O Insurance	- 853.20		- 853.20
Donations – Condolences	- 25.00		- 25.00
2009 AGM and Admin costs	<u>- 126.52</u>		<u>- 126.52</u>
Sub-total Expenses	-\$1,819.33		-\$1,819.33
Income less Expenses	\$1,124.65	\$232.30	\$1,356.95
Starting Balance 7 August, 2009	\$5,787.50	\$7,279.79	\$13,067.29
Ending Balance 5 August, 2010	\$6,912.15	\$7,512.09	\$14,424.24
<b>Notes:</b>		30-Jun-09	30-Jun -10
#1. GIC values are estimated at the AGM dates. Reported GIC values are:		\$7,256.11	\$7,491.41
#2. Membership income is on a cash basis – lifetime and 3 year memberships are recorded in full when received.			

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## **Water Quality Findings** (Mike Hulley)

The water samples we take from the lake are tested by the Ministry for levels of phosphorous. An increase in phosphorous concentration may lead to a corresponding increase in aquatic plant biomass which, in turn, results in an increase in toxins, a reduction in dissolved oxygen levels and unsightly and decaying plants. Phosphorous levels should be below 0.02 mg/L (or 20 µg/L) according to the Ministry and, on that basis, our water quality measures are moderately encouraging.

While there are gaps in the water sampling done over the past decade, phosphorous levels have generally remained below the Ministry objective and there is some indication that phosphorous levels have been declining over that period.

## **Join the Phosphorous Fight** (Mike Hulley)

There are a number of steps that home and cottage owners can take to reduce phosphorous levels in Loughborough Lake (and the Association asks that you apply these steps and do your part to protect water quality).

### *1. Don't fertilize the lawn, particularly near the lake.*

If you absolutely believe that some lawn fertilizer is necessary, use a low-phosphorous fertilizer. Most fertilizer packaging features a three number code indicating the percentage content of the primary nutrients: nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium. For example, a 12-4-5 designation indicates that the fertilizer contains 12% nitrogen, 4% phosphorous and 5% potassium. Use only fertilizers having a middle number, the phosphorous content, of 2 or less, preferably 0. As well, avoid adding fertilizer when the soil is completely saturated to reduce the likelihood the fertilizer added will end up as runoff.

### *2. Have your septic system inspected.*

This is a sensitive topic, since repair of a failing septic system is generally costly and may require approvals. In some cases, an alternative low-footprint system (Ecoflow or Waterloo Biofilter) may be the only available solution. However, a failing septic system, particularly a near-shore installation, can contribute a significant amount of phosphorus to the lake. If there are obvious signs of a failing system, evidence of surface seepage or unpleasant odours for example, then it's time to bite the bullet and fix the problem. As well, if the system is older than 25 years, an inspection is probably in order. Think of it as investing in the value of your property while improving lake water quality.

### *3. Create a buffer strip along the lakeshore.*

If you're grooming your lawn right to the water's edge, there's a strong possibility that runoff from your property is contributing nutrients to the lake. If possible, leave one or two meters of natural vegetation to provide some natural treatment of runoff.

### *4. Use phosphate free soaps.*

Most laundry soaps are phosphate free, however, some dishwasher and dish soaps contain phosphates that may not be effectively removed by your septic system. As well, avoid using phosphate-rich soap to wash your car or, more importantly, your boat!

## Fish Tales

Ed Giffin of Inverary, recipient of the Jack O'Dette Conservation Leadership Award, spoke to the AGM about the results of a 2005 survey of recreational fishing in Ontario. Among the points he made were:

- There are 34,000 lakes larger than 20 hectares in Ontario.
- 1.27 million anglers spent \$2.5 billion on recreational fishing.
- The most fished water bodies were Lake Huron, Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario. (The St. Lawrence River was in 9<sup>th</sup> spot)
- The species of fish most caught was the walleye, closely followed by yellow perch. There were only about half as many catches for the rest of the top five (sunfish, northern pike, and smallmouth bass).

Turning to Zone 18, in which Loughborough Lake is located, the survey found that:

- 110,000 anglers spent \$131 million on recreational fishing.
- The preferred species in this area are walleye, smallmouth bass, and northern pike.

This fishing survey is conducted very five years and forms for the 2010 survey will be mailed out in January 2011. So, if you are an angler, keep a fishing diary.

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## Introducing Your Board of Directors

Since the last newsletter, two new members have been added to the Board. As you will see from the brief descriptions that follow, our membership includes fairly new residents of the lake and others who have been on the lake all their lives.



<b>Sally Blasko</b>	A self employed business woman who lives in the Inverary area, Sally has spent time on the lake since she was the sparkle in her Daddy’s eye. Her family and ancestors have enjoyed their cottage and property off the Lower Round Lake Road since around 1890.
<b>Bernie Finn</b>	An accountant, College Professor, and enthusiastic fisherman who has lived on the lake (West Basin) for over 20 years.
<b>Bob Fugler</b>	An accountant, currently retired, Bob is a relatively new (2007) resident on Loughborough Lake. He and his wife Philippa live on the East Basin.
<b>Mike Hulley</b>	After 10 years on the lake, Mike and his wife Mave are “even more in love with the area and keen to help preserve the beauty and magic that is Loughborough Lake.” Mike worked as a consulting engineer for over 20 years, primarily on solving water quality problems in lakes and rivers. He is currently an associate professor at RMC.
<b>Kent Labbett</b>	Kent grew up spending his summers on Eagle Lake and he and his wife Karen moved to Loughborough Lake 16 years ago. They are past owners of Knapp Appliances and Kent is currently a member of the Board of Almost Home and of the South Frontenac and Storrington Recreation Committee. He is semi-retired and enjoying a slightly slower pace.
<b>Diane Marantz</b>	Diane and her husband Gordon “escaped from Toronto and the trials and tribulations of Bay Street to heal themselves with the gentle waters and good friends of Loughborough Lake.” After 20 years here, they recently moved to Kingston.
<b>Nona and Al Mariotti</b>	Nona is a “lifer” on the lake who six years ago traded in her eclectic life in Toronto to reside permanently on the south shore, East Basin. Al says that he fell in love with Nona before he was immersed in the Loughborough Lake lifestyle he loves.
<b>Karl Montgomery</b>	Has Loughborough Lake water in his veins! Karl grew up on the lake and worked in natural resource and recreation management for the public and private sectors until his recent retirement to Battersea.
<b>Susan &amp; Richard Tindal</b>	Susan is a retired lawyer who has spent most of her life on the lake, first as a summer resident and for the past 25 years as a permanent resident. Richard is a retired Professor, author or co-author (with Susan) of several text books, and long time municipal consultant.
<b>Brian and Judy Ward</b>	Found paradise on Loughborough Lake in 2002 and thoroughly enjoy the peaceful waters of Battersea Bay. They moved from Kingston where Judy was born and Brian escaped from Toronto many years ago.

## Looking Good: Loughborough Lake Bridge Reconstruction



Given the progress with this project reported by Mark Segsworth, Public Works Manager of South Frontenac, in late August, it will most likely be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$1.7 million, which includes the addition of a sidewalk on the west side of the bridge. Once the project is complete, upgrades to the parking area of the boat ramp will be pursued in conjunction with the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority.

### Way Before (1908)

(from an undated Whig Standard clipping provided by Karl Montgomery)



**LOUGHBORO LAKE BRIDGE, BUILT 58 YEARS AGO, IS A FAR CRY FROM TODAY'S TROUBLED SPAN**  
Lake Bottom Condition Has Caused Engineering Trouble for Frontenac County Officials

## Fire Report (Bob Fugler)

After two fires this spring on North Shore Road (that destroyed both family residences but caused no injuries fortunately), members of the Board (Bob Fugler, Nona Mariotti, and Brian Ward) met with South Frontenac Fire Chief Rick Chesebrough to learn more about fire fighting equipment and resources to deal with lake fires. We found out that two fire stations must respond to every fire call, thus ensuring a high level of resources. As a minimum, two pumpers and three tankers respond, but the normal response is five tankers in addition to the pumper trucks. Fire department manuals have maps that provide detailed information on civic numbers and access roads, along with available water source access for firefighting. For Loughborough Lake, these access points are at the Perth Road bridge and at Loughborough Lake Drive. Water can also be supplied by Sydenham depending on where the fire is located. There is also some access at Koen Road, but it is undeveloped.

There are several things that residents can do to help the firefighters (and themselves):

- Make sure that your residence has the correct address – civic number.
- Have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- If possible, make any 911 calls on a land line. Cell phones can connect with a variety of towers, even some in the U.S., delaying response time. If the billing address for the cell phone is different from the lake residence that can also cause confusion, so be sure to specify the address of the emergency.
- When calling 911, you should specify that you need the Kingston Fire Department or Frontenac OPP or Kingston Ambulance (depending on the situation), to ensure your call (which is being handled in Orillia, Ontario) is directed to the correct department
- Those living on private lanes need to ensure that their road can handle the 35,000 pound weight of a fully loaded fire truck (which can't risk getting stuck in muddy, slippery, or poorly surfaced laneways) and that there is 15' wide and 15' high access for the fire vehicles.

When asked if the Association could do anything to help, Fire Chief Chesebrough indicated that additional dry hydrants that can access lake water would be helpful. These involve a pipe that goes into the lake (below normal ice level) and a vertical section that is partly buried in the ground and to which the pumper trucks connect. Giving permission to have such a device installed on our private property is the main contribution that we could make with respect to this aspect of fire protection. The Chief also mentioned the need for more equipment that can be used for extracting people from vehicle accidents.

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## Inquiring Minds Want to Know

### You Asked:

One of our members wrote to ask about the current status of what he termed the “Fishing Off Limits Regulation” that had been in effect for the major portion of Battersea Bay during the pre-season. It was his recollection that this regulation was monitored by the Battersea Guides Association and was meant to be a “gentleman’s agreement” that anglers would not fish in the affected waters until the official opening of bass season each year. Our member is concerned because he is noticing more and more boats fishing in the restricted areas during the pre-season.

According to Board member Karl Montgomery, there was never any regulation but *voluntary bass sanctuary* signs were erected near spawning areas around Battersea Bay in May 1993 by members of this Association, the Loughborough Guides, local lodge owners and representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources. Funding for the signs was shared by these groups and local anglers clubs. While this initiative appeared to be successful at first, there has been a decline in respect for these signs, perhaps in part because of the lack of ongoing education about bass biology and the need to protect spawning areas. There is some feeling that the remaining signs may attract unscrupulous fishermen to some of the best spawning areas of the lake. The Ministry of Natural Resources has suggested placing an educational poster/sign at access points and other visible locations around the lake, but *not in spawning areas*. An application is now in the works to develop this new signage program.

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## Joining the Wired World

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## Municipal Election Alert!

On October 25, voters will choose those who will represent us on South Frontenac Council for the next four years. Exercising your democratic rights (and responsibility) is one of the best ways to ensure that we get a council that will support our efforts to maintain and enhance the quality of life on Loughborough Lake. The Dog Lake Association is sponsoring a candidates' meeting (for Mayor and for representatives from Storrington District) on **October 14 at 7:00** at the Storrington Hall in Sunbury. We urge you to attend this meeting and to cast your ballot on October 25.

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For further information about the Association, contact the President, Nona Mariotti, at 613-353-6589 or the Treasurer, Bob Fugler, at 613-353-7797. They can also be reached by email at [president@loughboroughlake.org](mailto:president@loughboroughlake.org) or [webmaster@loughboroughlake.org](mailto:webmaster@loughboroughlake.org).



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